

Lions District 29L Newsletter December 2023

Vol 6

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAN HEINTZMAN.

Greetings Lions of 29L and happy December!!!!

Lots of news and information to report as we approach the halfway point of my year as DG. Congratulations to my home Friendly Lions Club on starting their SECOND Club Branch. I am happy to report that the hard work by both Lion Bobette Grimm and Lion Laura Jordan has produced a Club Branch in Vienna. The ultimate goal is to get the old Club's charter back by the end of December. There is still that chance. At the Cabinet meeting on November 18, the Cabinet signed off on the new name for the merger of the Scott Depot/Scott Teays-Winfield Clubs. That Club will be known as the Putnam County Lions Club. Congrats on the hard work by PDG Boyd Harper in getting this project done. We are putting together a committee to assist Clubs in providing needed sight assistance to their clients, but otherwise cannot provide the service themselves. Lion Laura Jordan will chair the committee with both FVDG Dave Roberts and SVDG Bill Snyder each appointing two Lions to that committee. The committee will set up the criteria for needed assistance and an application process.

The West Virginia Lions Leadership Retreat is scheduled for January 26-28, 2024 at the Days Inn Conference Center in Flatwoods, WV. The Registration Form is elsewhere in the newsletter. Cost is \$105 for the weekend which includes 4 meals and several dynamic speakers. Our guest for the weekend will be PID Larry Edwards of Pennsylvania. District 29L has three scholarships available to cover the registration cost for first time attendees. The criteria for that are that you must attend the Retreat and desire to be either a future Club leader or district leader. If you want to attend the Retreat for the first time and want to lead your Club or district, please email me (deheintzman@gmail.com), FVDG Dave Roberts (parkersburgbenefits@cascable.net), or SVDG Bill Snyder (reachingeagle@gmail.com) and we will consider your application.

Plans are progressing for the District 29L Conference on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Grand Pointe Conference Center in Vienna. I hope to have a registration form ready for the January newsletter. Our guest for the conference will be PID Justin Faber of Michigan. We will have both lunch and dinner, the district election, parade of checks, and we will start the day with the Cabinet meeting at 10am. It is my hope that as many Clubs in the district will have members attend.

And finally, as we get ready to settle in for the Holidays, Lion Charlotte, my two Furbabies Gibbs and Abner, and myself wish every Lion in 29L a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2024. Whatever I can do to assist any Club on anything the rest of my year as DG, please ask.

Lion Michael Kelly of the Ravenswood Lions Club has agreed to handle the other piece of district sight equipment for the southern end of 29L. I have picked the extra equipment up from the Warwood Club and get it to him. Thank you Lion Mike for stepping forward.

"I'm Proud 2 B a Lion, R U?"

DG Dan

<https://lions29l.org/> District website.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S DIARY DECEMBER 2023

12/07/2023	Zone Meeting	Ravenswood
12/11/2023	Christmas Dinner	Grantsville
12/12/2023	Christmas Party	Friendly
12/16/2023	D.G. Visit	Follansbee

URGENT MESSAGE FROM D.G. DAN

Attention Club Secretaries, if you must drop any Club member for whatever reason, please do so by December 31, 2023. LCI and District 29L bill on the number of Club members on the books as of January 1 and July 1. If you do not want billed for a member you must drop, make sure it is done by December 31. If you need assistance doing this, please email district GLT/Administrator PDG Terry Snyder and she will be happy to assist you. Her email address is lionterry55@gmail.com.

***RE-MEMBER!**

- *RECRUIT**
- *RETAIN**
- *RE-ENERGIZE**
- *RE-INVENT**

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

The 4 R's by SVDG Lisa Gismondi of District 14E in Pennsylvania on how to bring new life into our Clubs.

CABINET MEETING



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2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR WILLIAM L. SNYDER



December.....Half of the Lions year gone.....As we celebrate this season of holidays let us also keep in mind those for whom the season is not so joyous and those who for whatever reason cannot be with their loved ones. WE SERVE.... service can be as simple as a smile to brighten someone's day or as involved as a club/zone/district project.

I encourage all lions to take advantage of the Lions International site for learning, support and advice.I also encourage utilizing the opportunities available at the District and Multi District level to broaden your experience as a Lion.

I look forward to serving with you in your communities, to expanding my knowledge through interaction with your clubs and other Lions that I am meeting for the first time. I am excited that in just six months I will be running for First Vice District Governor for 29L. I am so proud to be a Lion when I look around and see all the good OUR organization does both locally.and internationally .

once again I stress that if I or any of the DG team can do to help you we are only a phone call or email away

SVDG William L Snyder III

(Lion Bill)

304-670-3250 reachingeagle@gmail.com

LION TONY VANDENBERG LCIF DISTRICT 29L CO-ORDINATOR



HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Most of us who have chosen to be members of a Lions Club look for ways to make a difference in our communities, how to be a citizen at all levels and help the many. LCIF is a great way to do that — by combining large and small contributions, we can have a significant impact on communities with grants to develop projects, or to respond to disasters of all kinds. Those contributions are magnified through the efforts of individual Lions, their local Clubs and Districts, this global Service organization that is Lions Clubs International.

Examples:

- Supporting Special Olympics in the Philippines
- Earthquake relief in Morocco and Nepal
- Lions of Utah diabetes camp

It's time for "end of the year donations", so keep LCIF in mind.

Ways to give:

- Donate on line at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>
- By check, to

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Department 4547

Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

- By check to LCIF, sent to Cabinet Secretary Kim Ebert, 1170 Avalon Road,
Fairmont

WV 26554

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, Peace to All
Kindness Matters

Lion Tony Vandenberg, LCIF District 29-L Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM



It is my pleasure to report that 100% of the Zone Chairs completed their training by September.

The training of Club Officers did not fair as well. Only 27% of the Club Officers attended training, but I have been told by many, that that is not unusual. Many Officers have held their positions for multiple years and do not feel the need to attend training. While I understand that reasoning, I would like to point out that things are always in a state of flux at Lions International, and there is ALWAYS something new that each of us can learn.

Lastly, all Club Officers have been entered into the system, with the exception of two Clubs. These Clubs are working with me and will soon be entered into the system as well.

I encourage anyone who is interested in moving up in Lions, to seriously consider attending the Leadership School in Flat woods, West Virginia, January 26-28, 2024. You can find the registration form in this Newsletter! You must register for this event by 1/13/2024 and several scholarships are available for first-time attendees. The registration is \$105 for the event and the rooms are \$102 per night for a double queen (based on 4 guests per room) and \$110 per night for a king. This is a very worthwhile learning experience!

If you have any questions regarding reporting on MyLion or MyLCI, I will be glad to assist. My contact information is in the on-line Directory and at the bottom of this report. I'm always happy to help.

PDG Terry Snyder
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lionterry55@gmail.com





Newell Lions Club	77 Years	12/06/1946
Barrackville Lions Club	66 Years	12/10/1957
Barboursville Lions Club	81 Years	12/18/1942

CHESTER LIONS CLUB

All of us Lions enjoyed passing out popcorn tonight and seeing all the costumes and smiles...and so many thank yous. Great job parents. Hope you all had a safe and fun Halloween.



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Allen T. Allison Elementary School Chester WV.

Four members from the Lion's Club stopped by to judge the pumpkins for the pumpkin contest. Thank you to the Lion's Club for the great idea and for the pumpkins!

Congratulations to the following for winning:

1st – Mrs. Dawson's class

2nd – Mrs. Lynch's class

3rd – Ms. Soplinski's class

The Facebook Like and Love Award with over 480 'likes' or 'loves' goes to Mrs. Hall's class.



Thank you to our Veterans.



President Jodie Juszczak welcomed new member Michelle Mcelfresh at tonight's meeting. Michelle was sponsored by Jodi



Congratulations Alana! The Lions Club Scholar of the month program is a combined initiative between the New Cumberland, Newell, and Chester Lions Club, with the

A10 THE REVIEW

Oak Glen High School Lion's Club Scholar of the Month

Alana Reese Adkins, 18, daughter of Charles and Tabitha Adkins of 4584 Wylie Ridge Road, New Cumberland, W.Va., has been chosen as the Oak Glen High School Lion's Club Scholar of the Month for October 2023.



Alana Reese Adkins

During Alana's time at Oak Glen High School, she was chosen for the Weirton Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership program as a sophomore, attended West Virginia University's Forensic Science Camp as a junior, was selected to attend the CJIS FBI Teen Academy and is a part of the Judicial Scholars Program her senior year.

Alana has been a member of the Oak Glen High School Marching Band for all four years, playing the flute until her senior year where she played the piccolo and has lettered her past two years. She is also a member of the concert band where she plays the flute. She was a member of the Region One Honor Band her junior year. Alana has been a member of the Oak Glen Swim Team since her sophomore year and has lettered both years. She has also been a member of the Oak Glen Theater since her sophomore year where takes on a leadership role and helps to design and create the set.

Alana is the Executive President over Student Council where she works to better the school and the community. She is a member of the Recorder Ensemble, Science Club, Chess Club, Culture Club, Prom Committee and National Honors Society.

After high school, Alana is attending West Virginia University where she will be studying Forensic Chemistry.

New Cumberland club leading the effort.



A Big Thank You to all of you who supported our Pies for Eyes!



Chester Lions Club presents

THE DAVE SMITH MEMORIAL CHILI COOK OFF

- **Saturday, December 2, 2023**
- **11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (In Conjunction with Hometown Christmas)**
- **Chester Volunteer Fire Hall**
- **4th and Carolina Avenue, Chester WV**



Contestants will prepare their chili prior to the date of the contest and bring to the Fire Hall by 10:00 AM in a container that will allow the chili to remain at a safe temperature throughout the contest.

- 1. One category, open to any business, individual, fire department, church, or organization.**
- 2. Any type of chili (green, with meat, without meat, with beans, without beans, ect.)**
- 3. Winner will be decided by a panel of guest judges.**
- 4. People's choice award based on total votes received by each contestant. Votes cost \$1.00 each. Proceeds will be split between the winner and the Lions Club.**
- 5. Entrance fee is \$25, nonrefundable. Winner will receive ½ of the collected entry fees and bragging rights.**
- 6. Sample bowls and spoons will be provided by the Lions Club.**

Applicant: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

Return application to Amy Porter at

abpsham@yahoo.com

robert.milner@verizon.net

(Please put "Chili Cook Off" in the subject line)

Or call

Amy Porter- (304)374-6174

Dan Allison-(304)374-0738

Bob Milner- (304)387-0917

'TIS THE SEASON FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL

CHESTER CITY LIGHT UP NIGHT



THIS CHRISTMAS, THE CHESTER BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE IS STARTING A NEW TRADITION IN THE COMMUNITY ALONG WITH THE LIONS CLUB. WE ARE HAVING A CITY LIGHT UP NIGHT AND INVITING YOU THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE. WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE COMMUNITY FAMILIES TO DONATE AND PLACE AN ORNAMENT ON THE TREE NEXT TO THE GAZEBO.

THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE
DECEMBER 1ST FROM
6:30PM-7:30PM

THERE WILL BE A SANTA YOU CAN
TAKE YOUR CHILDS PHOTO WITH
AND TREATS FOR THE KIDS AS WELL

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ELM GROVE LIONS CLUB



O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree, How lovely are your branches!

CHESTER/NEWELL LIONS CLUB

The Chester/Newell FISH pantry will be open December 2nd, 9th, and 16th at our normal 9:30-10:30 time slot. We will be closed December 23rd and 30th.

Each week during December we will be distributing hams and Christmas dinner items, along with our normal food/toiletry bags. Only one ham per family please.

Please call 330-385-0445 to register by Thursday of the week you plan to attend. May God bless you and your families this holiday season. 🎄

DALLAS LIONS CLUB



Big foot showed up to pass out Halloween candy to the Dallas trick or treaters.



The Dallas Lions Club put American flags up at the local cemetery to honor the brave soldiers on Veterans Day.

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

Congratulations to East Fairmont Middle School students for their winning entries in the Fairmont Lions Peace Poster Contest! Left-to-right are Bob Brummage, President, Fairmont Lions Club; Misty Skarzinski, Art Teacher EFMS; Reese Williams, 1st Place; Jaynie Rowan, 2nd Place; Debra Conover, Principal, EFMS. Reese Williams' 1st Place poster advances to the district, multiple district and international levels of competition if she is to be declared the international grand prize winner. We are cheering for Reese as her poster advances in the competition and we hope her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world. This year's theme is "Dare to Dream." 140 students participated at East Fairmont Middle School.



We completed our fall preschool vision screening conducted throughout October at five child care facilities. Five volunteers put in 25 volunteer hours and we screened 113 children. We will visit additional facilities in the spring.



FOLLANSBEE LIONS CLUB

Thanksgiving meeting for Follansbee Lions Club , also gathered toys for Toys for Tots



FRIENDLY LIONS CLUB

Members of the Friendly Lions Club with the assistance of Lion Dave Shelton and Leeanna Wise hand out candy at the annual Friendly Trick or Treat.



The Friendly Lions Club received a grant from the Sisters Health Foundation last year to purchase our sight equipment

SUBMIT YOUR REQUESTS

SPRING 2024 GRANT CYCLE

LETTER OF INQUIRY
Responsive
Grants Program

***SCHEDULE A CONVERSATION**
Basic Needs/Direct Service
Grants Program

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:
JANUARY 17, 2024

*Contact Marian Clowes (mclowes@sistershealthfdn.org) to schedule a Basic Needs conversation.

At our Friendly Lions Club meeting on 15th November, the Club signed off on both our Club branch in Vienna, WV with the two members Lion Austin Hively and Lion Carl Tanner. We also endorsed the request by the Town of Friendly to purchase an Automatic Emergency Defibrillator for the community center.

Congratulations to the Friendly Lions Club on establishing their **SECOND** Club branch in two years. I am so proud of my home Lions Club in the work they have done to do this.

HARRISVILLE LIONS CLUB



- * Free Sausage Sizzle
- * Christmas Story
- * Coffee and drinks available for purchase
- * Salvation Army Band and Carols
- * BYO Chair/Rug
- * Free Face Painting and Balloon Art
- * Santa Arrives with Fire Brigade – 7.45pm
- * CWA Supper
- * Fireworks – 8.30pm



LESAGE LIONS CLUB

MARSHALL COUNTY, W.Va. (WTRF) — A special Ceremony was held today in Marshall County to honor the many veterans in our region.

The Mount Olivet Lions Club, VFW Post 4442 of Elm Grove, and the Moundsville Veterans Honor Guard held a Veterans Day Program today at Mount Olivet United Methodist Church.

The ceremony was a part of the Lions Club's Flags for Heroes program that honors many heroes in the surrounding communities.

The ceremony also included the recognition of Gold Star Families, a guest speaker, and the 21-gun salute.

A member of the Lions Club and VFW post 4442 shared the importance of the event and honoring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

"This is part of our history, good or bad, we have to live with it and we need to honor those who, without question, left their homes and went to defend the country. When their country called, they went to defend the country. We have 160 flags in the, over in the park in front of the veterans monument. And those flags all represent somebodies hero."

PAUL AMRHEIN | MOUNT OLIVET LIONS CLUB, VFW POST 4442, ELM GROVE

The event was completely free for anyone to attend, and saw hundreds of people come out to honor and remember our veterans in the Ohio Valley.



[MOUNDSVILLE LIONS CLUB](#)



November 19th the good weather was a blessing for the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade in Moundsville. A big thank you goes out to the City of Moundsville and various departments, Moundsville Lions Club volunteers, and WJMH Media for contributing to the parade's success. Special appreciation to sponsors, parade entries, and all attendees.



Happy to have a large group today at the Moundsville Lion's Club to hear from our guest speaker Executive Director Kimberli Green of the Marshall County FRN explaining the programs they are involved with and how others can help.
Marshall County Family Resource Network

MT OLIVET LIONS CLUB



The Mt Olivet Lions rang the bells for the Salvation Army this past weekend.



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We presented dictionaries to our two local elementary schools, Hilltop Elementary, and Our Lady of Peace school.



At our spaghetti dinner in October, we had great helpers from our local Girl Scout troop and our LEO club at Sherrard Middle School.



We also sponsored a Veterans Day program, along with VFW #4442 and the Moundsville Honor Guard.



[NEW CUMBERLAND LIONS CLUB](#)

New Cumberland Lions Club Halloween Party was held on October 31, 2023. Prizes were awarded to the best costumes in a variety of age categories as well as door prizes. We had a great turnout of approximately 80 Children, plus the adults who attended.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT**

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A2 THE REVIEW Thursday, November 16, 2023

Oak Glen High School's Lions Scholar of the Month

Tyler McKay, 17, has been recognized as Oak Glen High School's Lions Scholar of the Month for November 2023. Tyler is the son of Tony and Rachel Wright-McKay of Chester.

A senior at Oak Glen High School, Tyler carries a 4.2 GPA and is involved in many sports, clubs and extracurricular activities. Tyler is a three-year letter winner in baseball and letter winner in soccer. In 2023, Tyler was a WV AA Section Champion and Regional Finalist in baseball. Throughout high school, Tyler has been on the Principal's Honor Roll every year.



Tyler McKay

Tyler is an active member of the National Honor Society and currently vice president of the Oak Glen chapter. Tyler was recently recognized as "Distinguished" in both Math & English/Language Arts by Hancock County Schools. In 2022, Tyler was selected by the American Legion Post 121 to attend the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State held at WVU Jackson's Mill. Tyler was also voted as a member of the Prom Court his junior year. In 2020, Tyler won the West Virginia Golden Horseshoe Award.

Tyler is also a member of the Key Club, Prom Committee, and WV Judicial Scholars Club. During his free time, Tyler enjoys volunteering with youth sports programs and giving back to the community.

Following graduation, Tyler plans to study computer science and is undecided on which university he will attend.

The Lions Scholar Program is sponsored by Lions District 29L, Region 1, Zone 1 comprised of clubs in Chester, Newell and New Cumberland.

NEWELL LIONS CLUB

Did you know our Club always has brooms available for you to buy? Time to get yourself a new broom to dust off that front porch and snag a couple kiddie brooms a

Newell Lions Club

Broom and Mop sale

- Push broom \$26
- Warehouse broom \$17
- House broom \$15
- Kiddie broom \$8
- Mop \$10





It is becoming that time of year

The Coalition is looking for anyone interested in entering a Christmas Tree to line the street above Laurel Hollow Park!

The tree needs to be put up by Sunday, Dec 3rd and taken down by Sunday, Jan 7th. You will need zip ties to attach the tree to the provided posts and your own extension cords, if your tree is to be lite.

We ask that the tree not be political or controversial.

Any tree remaining up past Jan 7th will be discarded.

If interested please contact Amy Thompson Richmond to secure your spot !



The Newell Lions Club participated in the Newell American Legion Post 114 Trunk or Treat on Oct. 28. Shown, from left, David Atkinson, Club Secretary Lion; Samantha Shaw, 1st Vice President Lion; Martha Elder, Club President Lions; and, in front, Hadley and Kolton Shaw. Not pictured were Dave Elder and Susie Thompson.

1st Photo - Club Members L to R Secretary Lion David Atkinson, 1st VP Samantha Shaw, President Martha Elder.



Our planter is changed out! Checked one thing off the to do list!



Santas Mailbox is here!! Pictured are Colt and Hadley Shaw, children of Dan and Samantha Shaw, who are very excited to mail their letters to Santa!

Santas Mailbox is located at the overlook above Laurel Hollow Park in Newell for all area children to have a direct line to Santa. All letters received by Dec 20 that have a return address will receive a letter from Santa before he gets too busy readying for his Christmas trip. Santas helpers will deliver the letters to him daily. Bring the kiddos.

[OHIO COUNTY VIRTUAL LIONS CLUB](#)

The Ohio County Virtual Lions Club was the first virtual club in West Virginia and only the 16th in the United States. We have meetings online (via Zoom), so our members can make the most of their valuable time. When we meet in person, we're doing good in the community. So, when you see us on November 25th in the parking lot between Cabelas and Hobby Lobby, donate a toy to our Christmas Toy Drive for Toys for Tots and ask us about how you can get involved with our club.





The Ohio County Virtual Lions are supporting our local Toys for Tots program by collecting toys on November 25th from 11am-5pm in the parking lot between Cabela's and Hobby Lobby at The Highlands. Please help us share the magic of Christmas with the less fortunate children in our area. Spread Christmas cheer by donating a toy during our Christmas Toy Drive.

A humble act of kindness in 1947 has grown exponentially in 7 decades. The idea of the Toys for Tots Program began in 1947 at the helm of Marine Corps Reserve Major Bill Hendricks. Major Hendricks' wife, Diane, was the inspiration behind the Program after she asked Major Hendricks to deliver a few handcrafted dolls to an agency that supported children in need. When Major Hendricks reported back to his wife that he could not find an agency for the handcrafted dolls, Diane encouraged her husband to "start one"! Major Hendricks and the Marines in his Reserve unit collected over 5,000 toys in 1947 and delivered them to children in need around Los Angeles. Seeing the impact that delivering toys to children in need had created around the community, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Clifton B. Cates, directed all Marine Corps Reserve units to implement a Toys for Tots campaign in 1948—which is the Toys for Tots program we now know.

Help make the 75th anniversary of Toys for Tots special and donate to our Christmas Toy Drive a huge success. We want to ensure all kids in need get something special for Christmas this year.

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PADEN CITY LIONS CLUB



Lions Meeting,

PARKERSBURG LIONS CLUB

First Vice District Governor Dave Roberts loading up his food baskets for delivery. Eight other members of the Parkersburg Lions Club delivered food baskets today too. Happy Thanksgiving!!



Our DG Dan Heintzman from Friendly Lions Club made his official visit to our club today. Zone Chair Lion Bobette Grimm from Friendly Lions Club visited with him. "WE SERVE" 🐾 The Blennerhassett Hotel has their Christmas Trees up until the United Way auctions them off on December 6th. Bobette loved Fragggle Rock and had this pic taken for her daughter.



A few pics from the Halloween 5K Run/Walk for Sight!!!! Thank you to our sponsors, participants, and volunteers.



PLEASANTS AREA LIONS CLUB

On a lovely fall Veterans Day, the Pleasants Area Lions Club are flying 72 Flags For Heroes along WV Route 2. Flags flew November 9-13.



SISTERSVILLE LIONS CLUB

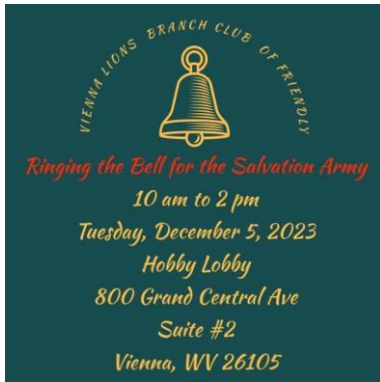


Work is underway showcasing the collaborative efforts of the city of Sistersville, the Park and Pool, the Alice Silk May Endowment, Friends of the Sistersville Park and Pool, Kings Furniture and the Sistersville Lions Club, working together to make these wonderful improvements to our city park. There is still concrete work to do and welding, but when complete, it's going to be awesome!

SPENCER LIONS CLUB

Spencer Lions Club Meeting 11/20/23. 6 new members with four of them in the last year. Kudos to President Dwayne and Secretary Lora Welch for the hard work.





VIENNA LIONS CLUB

Dear Lions, If you're in the area, please stop by and say "Hi!" Oh, and yes bring your loose change for the Salvation Army kettle. Lions Bobette and Laura

WARWOOD LIONS CLUB

The Warwood Lions Club would like to thank everyone who came out to sing, welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus and have cookies and hot chocolate in the spirit of Christmas and helping to Light up Warwood. Hope everyone had a good time and kept warm.



WHEELING ISLAND LIONS CLUB



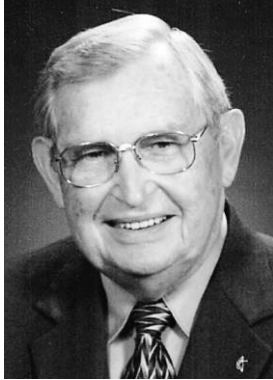
Our Club had the privilege of serving hot dogs, sloppy joes, and walking tacos for Madison Elementary School Fall Festival. Thanks Lions Joe Matthews, Bill Syphers and Kathy Syphers for helping our partner-in-education and their students.

WARWOOD LIONS CLUB



DG Dan's Visit.

Washington Bottom Lions Club



Ted L. McPherson, 90, of Washington, WV passed away November 21, 2023 at his residence. He was born on May 29, 1933 in Rockport, WV.

Ted was a US Navy veteran and retired from DuPont with 40+ years of service. He had been active in Senior League Bowling, loved woodworking, gardening and being an R.V.er. He was the last surviving Charter Member of the Washington Lion's Club. He was a dedicated and active member of the Washington United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, was a member of the United Methodist Men and a certified lay speaker for the United Methodist Church. He served on various boards and committees at the church, including as the Chair of the Building Committee for the new sanctuary and was the liaison with DuPont for the selling of the old church and new church property.

It was wonderful to see so many Lions Clubs participated in the Christmas Toy Drive.



Christmas Toy Drive

Bring the joy of Christmas to Northern West Virginia's less fortunate children by donating a toy for a child under 12 years old.

SATURDAY
November 25, 2023
11am to 5pm

The Highlands
Parking Lot between
Cabelas and Hobby Lobby

MARINE CORPS RESERVE

TOYS FOR TOTS

Ohio County Virtual Lions

[2023 - 2024 District 29L Calendar](#)

12/09/2023	Certified Guiding Lion Course 10.00 a.m. - noon	deheintzman@gmail.com or deheintzman@msn.com. for the link.
01/13/2024	Registration Deadline for Lions Leadership Retreat	
01/20/2024	District 29L Council of Governors' Meeting – 1.00 p.m.	Beckley Glade Spring Resort.
01/20/2024	MD 29 Past District Governors' Meeting 2.00 p.m.	Beckley Glade Spring Resort
01/26/2024 - 01/28/2024	WV Lions Leadership Retreat – Days Conference Centre	Flatwoods
02/15/2024	Closing Date for Applications for positions on District 29L	Email kimebertwv@gmail.com for application Form
03/8/2024 - 03/10/2024	Regional Lions Leadership Institute	Red Lion Hotel Harrisbury / Hershey
03/16/2024	District 29L Conference – Grand Pointe Conference Centre - 10:00 a.m. starting with Cabinet Meeting	Vienna
03/16/2024	District 29L Elections District 29L Conference	Vienna
04/26/2024 – 04/28/ 2024	WV Lions Convention	Glade Springs Resort



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Nexstep Commercial Products (formerly known as Cornelia Broom Company and France Broom Company) – Exclusive Licensee of O-Cedar – is now the One and Only Official Broom Supplier to the Lions!

Nexstep Commercial Products manufactures high- quality Lions Club Corn Brooms to the same standards the Lions Club have used for over 75 years. The Lions Club Broom Sale has proven to be a major fundraising event that is a very easy way to generate funds.

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March 8-10, 2024
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey



SUBJECTS

- Lions Fundamentals
- Team Work
- Diversity
- Public Speaking
- Time Management
- Personal Mission Statement
- Member Motivation
- Goal Setting

INSTRUCTORS

- PID Cindy Gregg
- PDG Tom Gregg
- PDG Jason Long
- PDG John Mallonee
- PDG Dick Sware
- PID James Cavallaro
- PDG Kerry McKnight

Contact Your District Governor
Or
PDG Kerry McKnight
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Space Is Limited!
\$175 Per Lion
Meals & Rooms Included

2024-2025 District 29L Election Call

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for 2024 District 29L Elections. The District 29L Elections will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 as part of the District 29L Conference at Grand Pointe Conference Center in Vienna, WV. Balloting will be done IN PERSON only. Purpose of the Election will be to elect a District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, Trustees to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, and other elected positions if required. Issued by me on this date, November 17, 2023.

Any Lion who wishes to be a candidate for district office must file an application for candidacy. If you would like an application, send district CST Kim an email (kimebertwv@gmail.com). The application must be received by the District Governor by February 15, 2024. Applications can be sent by email. The District Governor will then forward all applications to the Nominating Committee for eligibility verification. All applicants will be notified of their eligibility. Offices to be elected are District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, and Sight Foundation Trustee. There are no applications needed for Sight Foundation Trustee. If you are interested in being elected to the Sight Foundation, please email me, Sight Foundation President Gary Pitcock, or CST Kim Ebert. Applications can be sent by email to deheintzman@gmail.com or mailed to my home address 305 Hill Street, Sistersville, WV 26175. District elections will be held in person at the district conference on March 16, 2024. Each Club should select delegates who are members in good standing. Your Club will receive a letter with your delegate allotment. Clubs must pay their second half district dues by March 1, 2024 in order to vote.

Delegates must register at the credentials desk upon arrival at the conference to receive a certified credential. A certified credential will be required to vote. Alternates will not be necessary.

Daniel E. Heintzman, District Governor, 29L

CERTIFIED GUIDING LION

There will be a Certified Guiding Lion course on Saturday, December 9 from 10am-noon online.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Certified Guiding Lion, please email me at deheintzman@gmail.com or deheintzman@msn.com. I will send them the link.

LIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP RETREAT

“BE INSPIRED”

January 26-28, 2024

Flatwoods Days Inn & Suites and Conference Center

Registration Deadline: January 13, 2024

Registration Fee:

\$105.00 Friday, Saturday, Sunday – Four banquet meals, seminars & materials

\$75.00 Saturday only – Two banquet meals, seminars & materials

Rooms: Contact Days Inn at 866-700-7284 (Tell them you are with the Lions Club)

Rate: \$102.00 Double Queen (up to 4 guests in a room) King \$110.00 Deadline to Reserve: 1/13/2024

Breakfast is included for individuals staying at the hotel.

Retreat activities include: Seminars to improve your Lions experience, motivational speakers,

informational displays, Lions merchandise, Silent Auction, hospitality room, door prizes, great meals,

and plenty of fun and fellowship. Information on specific seminars will be provided in

District newsletters, a brochure, and website:

<http://wvlions.org/LeadershipSchool/home.html>

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CLUB NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Amount Enclosed: Fri, Sat, Sun \$105 _____ Saturday Only \$75 _____

Make checks payable to: Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat or LWVLR and send with form to:

PCC Ken Shahan, 1641 Adams Avenue, Clarksburg, WV 26301

Contact PCC Ken Shahan for more information at kenshahan@aol.com or 304-669-1641.

“LEADERSHIP and LEARNING are INDISPENSABLE to each other”



Seminars for 2024 LWVLR

1. Basic Roles and Responsibilities of the Big 4 (president, secretary, treasurer, membership chairperson) You keep asking me to take one of these roles. Before I do, I want to know what is expected of them and what their duties are. This seminar is designed to inform prospective and aspiring club officers of their duties and responsibilities and to encourage them to take on leadership roles at the club level. Target audience All attendees.

Facilitator: PDG Micheal Gibbs, District OH-1, Rushsylvania Lions Club

2. Promoting the Image of Lionism

This seminar will involve an inward focus for individual Lions as well as an outward focus. It will explore ways that we can look at ourselves and what we do to make our clubs attractive to prospective Lions as well as newer members; and, it will explore ways that we can use social media to get our message to our target

audiences. Target audience: All Lions

Facilitator: Lions Suzanne Park Lewis, Petersburg Lions Club, District 29-I

3. Diversity and Generational Differences

This seminar will be led by a Millennial/s Lion who will discuss strategies that we can employ to attract and keep different generations to our clubs and meld them together into a vibrant and inclusive team and ways that diversity can strengthen our service efforts and grow our clubs. Target audience: All attendees, especially club and district officers.

Facilitator: Lion Eli Hughes, University of Charleston Lions Club, District 29-C

4. Effective Public Speaking

This seminar will discuss the steps in planning for and preparing for any type of public speaking engagement that one might face as a leader. It will provide tips on overcoming anxiety associated with having to deliver a speech to a group of any size and practice techniques you can use to become comfortable.

Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: Laura Seybold, Owner of Shine Consulting, LLC

5. Strategic Planning and Developing SMART Goals

Whether in our daily lives, in our work lives, or as a Lion leader, we all set goals for ourselves and our clubs so whether we know it or not, we often do some variation of strategic planning. This seminar is designed to help you plan more effectively for long-term success and develop SMART goals that will help you succeed.

Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: PID Cindy Gregg, Rostraver Township Lions Club, MD 14, Belle Vernon, PA

6. Leadership Fundamentals: The Five Practices of Effective Leaders

In this seminar you will learn about the five fundamental practices of highly effective leaders as posited by two world renowned leadership experts. We will drill down further on each of these practices and ways that you can develop these same practices to become a more effective leader in every walk of life, not just in Lionism.

Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: PID Steve Glass, Harrison County HOPE Lions Club, District 29-I

7. The Roles and Responsibilities of Being a Zone Chairperson

Incoming district governors and other district leaders keep asking me to become a zone chairperson. Before I say yes, tell me what my obligations are. What does a zone chairperson do? What is expected of them? Are there any rewards involved in performing this role? Tell me more. This seminar is designed to discuss the basic duties of this position and the resources available to assist the zone chairperson. You will learn of the very valuable role that the zone chairperson plays in the success of the clubs and the district and the many rewards that it brings.

Facilitators: PCC Paul Wheeler and PCC Gary Boyd, Alum Creek Lions Club, District 29-C

8. Developing Effective Teams

It has been said many times now, "Teamwork makes the dream work." Nowhere is that more important than in our Lions clubs and our districts. This seminar will delve into the characteristics of effective teams and some of the strategies that current and aspiring leaders can employ to understand team members' personal styles and needs, then select the best combination of team members to ensure effectiveness, whether it be club committees or district cabinets.

Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: PID Larry Edwards, MD 14, Harris Township Lions Club, Altoona, PA

9. Presentation Preparation

We all have been called upon from time to time, whether it be for a school project, church committee report, work assignment, or giving a report or speech to a group of Lions, to do presentations whether it be strictly oral or using audio visual aids. This seminar is designed to help you be more comfortable in that role. You will learn about ways to better prepare and deliver your product.

Target audience: All attendees.

Facilitator: PID Larry Johnson, Parkersburg Lions Club, District 29-L

10. Conflict Resolution

We all have conflict, don't we? Whether it be at home, work, church or Lions, conflict is inevitable. That's a fact of life! This seminar is designed to define conflict versus differences of opinion and strategies to reduce conflicts in all aspects of our lives,

especially in our Lions clubs. You will learn to self-reflect in this process and understand that how you see the problem might be the problem.

Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: DG Chris Wooters, District 22-C, Waldorf Lions Club, Prince Frederick, MD

11. The Vital Role of the District Governor and Resources Available for Support

“Again, I have been asked several times now to consider running for the position of district governor. My responses are I don’t have time; I’m not ready; I’m not prepared; I’m not sure that I have the right stuff, etc. What does a district governor do? What commitments do they have? Are there resources to help me? Tell me more.” This seminar is designed to inform those who may have those questions as well as those who are currently serving on the district leadership teams about the role and responsibilities of the position as well as the vast rewards and benefits for those who choose to serve in this role.

Facilitator: PCC Cindy Glass, Clarksburg Lions Club, District 29-I

12. Orientation From a Different Perspective: Focusing on the Member’s Needs

This seminar will take a different approach to orientation from what you might be used to. It will focus on the new and prospective member and will focus on many aspects of new member recruiting. It will focus on the following questions:

What do you expect of me as a new Lion? How can I get my voice heard as a new member?

What do all these acronyms mean like GAT, LCIF, Mission 1.5, PDG, MyLCI, etc.

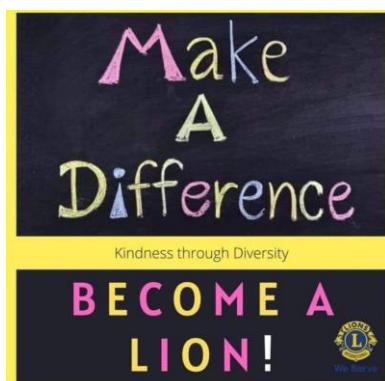
What happens if I am not interested in many of the projects that the club is doing? What can I do?

Tell me how my service and leadership relate to helping the club, district, multiple district, then the association. Explain to me

how I can make a meaningful difference to people – after all, that’s why I joined!

Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: PDG Daniel Elkins, Bellefonte Lions Club, District 22-D, Wilmington, DE



SILENT AUCTION

We will be having a Silent Auction at the upcoming Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat to be held on January 26-28, 2024 at Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV. To make this happen we are asking the assistance of EVERY club attending.

If each club would donate one item, there will be a great variety to bid on when you come to the Leadership Retreat. Possible ideas would be:

- ✓ Handmade craft items ✓ Special piece of glassware ✓ Specialty or theme baskets
- ✓ Gift certificates or packages ✓ Golf items
- ✓ Bottles or baskets of wine
- ✓ Seasonal decorations ✓ WVU or Marshall Items ✓ Lions' items
- ✓ Food baskets
- ✓ Wreaths
- ✓ Jewellery

It is hoped the items donated would be enticing enough that YOU will be willing to consider bidding.

Proceeds from the auction will be used to help defray the costs of the Leadership Retreat so that everyone in the multiple district will consider attending. This is a time to gather and grow as leaders, as well as enjoy the fellowship of Lion friends from around the multiple district and neighboring states.

We hope you will consider this request. Please complete the form below and send it to Lion Paula Shahan (paulashahan@aol.com) and let her know what type of item you or your club will donate. We look forward to hearing from you.

Lion Paula Shahan (304-629-5091)

ITEM BEING DONATED _____

CLUB or INDIVIDUAL _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER _____

CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Thank you in advance for your participation and support!!



Today 15th November is World Diabetes Day. Please support those affected by this disease.

The Discovery of Insulin (1921):

The discovery of insulin by Frederick Banting and Charles Best in 1921 marked a significant breakthrough in diabetes treatment. Before the discovery of insulin, diabetes was often a fatal condition.

First Injection of Insulin (1922):

Leonard Thompson, a 14-year-old boy with diabetes, became the first person to receive an injection of insulin, marking a breakthrough in diabetes treatment. This event significantly changed the prognosis for people with diabetes.

World Diabetes Day Creation (1991):

The concept of World Diabetes Day was first introduced by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1991. It was established as a response to the growing concern about the increasing prevalence of diabetes worldwide. November 14th was chosen as the date to commemorate the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, one of the co-discoverers of insulin.



GREETINGS FROM YOUR EDITOR IN BEECHWORTH AUSTRALIA.

CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRALIA



Christmas Day in Australia the weather is very hot. Christmas is celebrated at the beach or at home with the family. Traditional food a Roast Meal, Seafood or BBQ. With salad.

The Salvation Army, Red Cross and other Community Groups ensures all have food and gifts for Christmas.

In Beechworth and some other country towns a Community Christmas Lunch is put on with donations from Businesses in Town. Everyone is invited to attend even the tourists. This is a wonderful time for those who live alone to have lunch with others. A group of volunteers picks them up from their home and drop them off afterwards.

I myself spends Christmas with Husband Brian, Daughter Sophie and Son Shane. Since Covid when we spent so much time apart we do not buy Christmas Gifts as we feel time together is gift enough.